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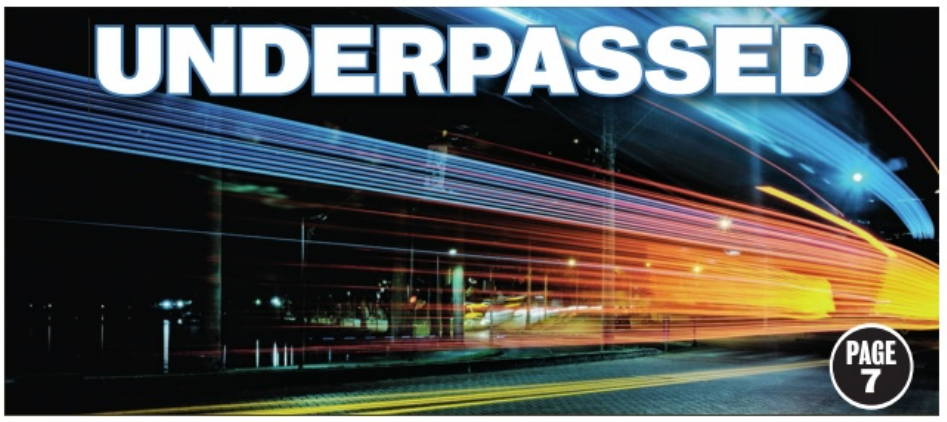

Staff threatened, at least 60 light fittings stolen, junction boxes damaged as anti-socials run roughshod at Coles Park

PARK IN THE DARK

BBMP urged to increase number of security guards

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Coles Park is situated in the central business district of Bengaluru. The public park is just a few hundred metres from the Bharathinagar police station.

Despite its location at such a seemingly secure spot in the heart of the city, it seems the lights and junction boxes fitted at the park are not safe.

We are told, thanks to a few 'irresponsible and uncivilised youths', who even used filthy language against people working at Coles Park, at least 60 light fittings were stolen and junction boxes either damaged or removed from the park in a shocking and frightening episode of hooliganism and vandalism.

The anti-social elements frequenting the park go to any extent to ensure no hurdles to their indecent activities at the public common. They even threaten those who ask them to go home after 7:00 pm.

"More than 60 light fittings have been stolen and junction boxes were damaged or removed from electric poles in the park. It has become

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"I come across many who remain in the park after closing hours. One of them used filthy language and tried to manhandle me.

— Park employee

Fewer girls want engg diplomas

'Employers have no gender bias; it is just candidates' personal bias'

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Despite an increase in demand from firms for female employees holding engineering diplomas, the number of female students taking up diploma courses in engineering remains low.

The number of female students is especially lower in streams such as mechanical, electronics and civil, Asha N, principal of Dayanand Sagar Institute of Engineering (polytechnic) told BM.

"I think the reason behind this is these fields require harder fieldwork, which girls or their parents usually want to avoid. Computer science is the only branch where the gender ratio is not particularly bad. We have an almost equal number of girls and boys opting for computer science. In fact, there are more girls in one batch. But in other streams, the number of girls is much lower than boys... Only 15-20% are girls," she further added.

Recently, a number of companies have emerged that prefer female candidates over male in almost all branches.

"Many companies say that they require or prefer female candidates as they work more sincerely, they say… or because they

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 High notes

Combining the essence of classical music with a fusion/ contemporary expression, The Manasi Prasad Ensemble brings together established musicians in a high-energy performance. The set includes reinterpretations from Karnatic, Hindustani, Folk repertoire as well as freshly composed pieces with a dash of Konnakkol (vocal percussion) and jazz influences. The compositions are interspersed with a context-setting conversation that brings home the relevance of each composition and the interconnectedness of music.
Where: Bangalore International Centre
When: July 1, 730pm
Entry: Free

02 Digital aquarium for kids

Nexus Malls is all set to roll out an array of unique activities to bring something new and personal every day to their consumers. In sync with this initiative, Nexus Shanitiniketan Mall has launched Digital Aquarium, a thoughtfully curated marine-themed set up for children. In this never seen before set up, kids can draw any aquatic animal which then appears in a live animation on a VR screen. The whole set up is ensured to boost the imagination and learning curve of the young minds while virtually transporting them to explore the underwater world.
Where: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield Main Road Bengaluru
When: ongoing
Info: 9606008104

03 Middle-eastern treat

Nrityakosh company presents Safar-E-Raqs, a theatrical belly dance production that travels from the late 1790s to the present day unraveling how the dance was adapted – to different cultures & different audiences. Safar-e-Raqs is a collaborative effort between Nrityakosh Dance Company and several veteran belly dancers in Bangalore. With 40+ belly dancers on stage, this dance drama will take you through middle eastern folk dances, classical and modern oriental styles, and Indian and tribal fusion belly dance repertoire.
Where: BIC, Domlur
When: July 2, 5pm and 7.30pm
Ticket: insider.in

Crowning glory: Tresses for a cause

More and more people are donating their locks to NGOs who work with cancer institutes

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Social media has contributed in spreading awareness about hair donation, say NGOs

A Bengaluru freelancer, Josephine, recently did away with her locks. Not for a stylish makeover, however, but to pay homage to her friend who she had lost to lung cancer. Josephine is not the only one, however, and spurred by the pandemic among other reasons, many are choosing to donate their tresses for cancer patients. City NGOs now say that because of increased donations, they have been able to increase the production of hair wigs that they distribute with the help of several cancer hospitals or organisations across the city.

Urvija, working with Cope with Cancer, said, "There has been a 25-per-cent increase in the number of people who have donated hair to us for making wigs for cancer patients. The reasons could be various. Primary reason could be awareness about the emotional needs of cancer patients along with their medical need for treating the disease."

For the ones who snipped off their locks, they say their hair would grow back but the act was a gesture that would remain forever. For those like Josephine, the act was a tribute to the ones they had lost to cancer. Josephine said, "I donated my hair to Bangalore Hair Donation in July 2021. It was my way of telling her that she would be remembered always. I wanted to do it when I realised how many people it would help."

For others like Harish, working with Ship of happiness, a city-based organisation, it was the power of social media that pushed them. "Most people today are getting to know about hair donations through social media platforms. Since more people are using social media, the number of donations are also increasing," he said.

Mental health experts say that hair loss due to chemotherapy induced alopecia has created a negative body image, lowered self-esteem and a reduced sense of well-being among women. Many women have even refused chemotherapy due to adverse side effects like hair loss that lower the quality of life.

Betty V, a psycho-oncologist, said, "One of the many side effects that patients have to face is hairfall or alopecia. Because of this, patients develop body image issues; they even refuse to go for chemotherapy. Hence, wearing wigs give them back their confidence and helps them tackle their body image issues."

The NGOs believe that there are different reasons that have led to an increase in the hair donations. Due to the pandemic, more people wanted to do something for a cause.

Yugal, member of Bangalore hair Donation, said, "People are giving more importance to mental health and have realised one's perception of themselves really matters."

Approximately 250-300 grams of good quality and healthy hair is used for making one wig. The hair can be cut at any salon. Hair has to be washed, dried and tied into a braid with rubber bands at both ends.

Hair to be donated should be minimum of 12 inches in length as short hair cannot be used for making wigs. The donated hair is received and sorted according to their quality.

Marking 513th Kempegowda Jayanti

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Organised by VK and BM, the event saw folk artistes perform (right) along with a bike rally

The air was filled with merriment and pomp in Namma Bengaluru on the 513th birth anniversary of Bengaluru's founder Nadaprabhu Kempegowda. The grand programme, organised by Vijay Karnataka in association with Bangalore Mirror, began at the Kempegowda tower located near Mehkri Circle.

Minister for Higher Education Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Math, Vokkaliga Development Corporation Chairperson M Krishnappa and Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha president and Shravanabelagola MLA CN Balakrishna inaugurated the festivities. Floral tributes were paid while the chief guests garlanded the statue of Kempegowda and the tower was also decorated with flowers.

This was followed by a 10-km-long procession till Kempegowda tower atop Lalbagh rock.

The procession was joined by various folk artistes of Karnataka. A bike rally organised by students also turned out to be a highlight.

Coming soon: Kempegowda statue in Vidhana Soudha

Meanwhile, in another programme, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that a statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda will be installed on the premises of Vidhana Soudha within a year. Dr CN Ashwath Narayan said that Bengaluru had become a convergent place of talents from across the world and was one among the top ten growing cities of the world.

"Kempapura in Magadi taluk, the birthplace of Kempegowda, will be developed. Kempe Gowda Study Centre will be established in Bangalore University. Bengaluru Habba will be celebrated in a grand manner as a three-day event and a coffee table book will be brought out in the honour of Kempegowda," he said.

Fuel prices fuelling school-going blues

Schools mull dynamic pricing for transportation

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With an incessant rise in fuel prices and maintenance charges, the pricing of transportation services in Bengaluru's schools might become dynamic.

D Shashi Kumar, General Secretary of KAMS, a state-wide school association said that the fuel price hike is sure to affect the schools directly. "If the fuel prices rise over a certain limit again, the schools will have to increase the transportation fee. However, this would depend from school to school."

"We are already witnessing an uninvited hike in the transport fee by 15-20% after the pandemic. This is because fuel prices have changed drastically over the two years. It is not just fuel prices, but maintenance charges, insurance charges, parking space charges, and so on has seen a rise in the past two years. If the fuel prices hike again there might be a 5-10% hike in the transportation fee," he added.

It is also expected that many schools in the city might start outsourcing the transportation services to private operators, he added. "Even for a vehicle costing Rs 1 lakh, you would need to pay at least Rs 30,000-40,000 as insurance. Maintenance is also expensive. That is why it has become difficult for many schools to have their own buses. The other option is outsourcing which is even more expensive for the parents."

For now, most Bengaluru schools have retained their own transportation services and vehicles.

Manorama K, Managing Trustee at Silicon Valley School, said, "Private school bus companies can be a huge cost to the parents, as they are usually more expensive. We do not outsource as of now, we have our own bus service which is much cheaper than the private companies. It is usually the bigger, high-end schools that outsource transport services."

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Why all that buzz about going back to school is a buzzkill in the covid-ravaged economy
BUS OFF
No school bus for ferrying schoolchidren

BM had reported on Oct 26, 2021 about starting trouble for school buses after pandemic

> **"After two years of no servicing, we had to invest a lot in maintenance charges. But what other option do we have? As of now, we are only left with two vans**

Many schools in Bengaluru have already been struggling with the maintenance and service costs of the vehicles since they reopened after the pandemic. "After two years of no servicing, we had to invest a lot in the maintenance charges. But what other option do we have? As of now, we are only left with two vans but we are not yet outsourcing," said the principal of Heritage Public School.

Recently, experts suggested that schools make use of BMTC services as they are affordable as well as follow safety measures, and have experienced drivers, unlike many private buses and vans. A staff member from Dayanand Sagar International School told BM, "We have two school buses of our own but there is limited availability. Those students who can't avail of the school bus take private vans and vehicles." But, the problem with private vans is that many of them do not follow various safety measures.

City doctor on Himalayan expedition goes missing

A doctor in Karnataka, who was on a Himalayan expedition, has been incommunicado since June 20, post which his family lodged a complaint with the state Police on Monday.

The panicked family members of Chandramohan, a doctor from the Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru, lodged a missing complaint in this regard with High Grounds police station in Bengaluru.

According to police, Chandramohan, who used to go for bike expeditions, had started off for Himalayan expedition on bike from Bengaluru. Investigation is on. **IANS**

Man tries to kill 5-yr-old daughter, held

A man attempted to kill his five-year-old daughter as his wife gave birth to a second girl child. The accused, identified as Venkateshwar Rao from Telangana's Prakasam district, was arrested from Bengaluru on the complaint of his wife on Monday.

Venkateshwar Rao, a private company employee, got married to Nayana, a resident of Reddy Palya in HAL locality in Bengaluru, in 2016.

Nayana gave birth to a second girl child 10 days ago. Accused Venkateshwar Rao had gone to see the newborn at Nayana's residence, when a quarrel broke out between the couple regarding the girl child.

In a fit of rage, Venkateshwar Rao grabbed the first daughter and allegedly tried to strangulate her to death.

After rescuing her daughter, Nayana lodged a complaint with police in which she stated that her husband's family tortured her for dowry and harassed her when she gave birth to first female child. Since, she gave birth to a female child again, the torture by her husband increased.

Will BMTC buses have to make beeline to petrol bunks too?

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It is not as if traffic is smooth in the city as of now, but folks, it may just get even worse. It is likely that in the coming days, BMTC buses may have to visit fuel bunks to get diesel. And buses piling up near bunks can prove to be a blow to traffic scene.

This is because oil companies are refusing to supply diesel from retail outlets to BMTC buses. BMTC says it is making arrangements to avoid a crisis, but buses from a few depots that face issues will have to make a fuel run.

"There is no diesel shortage but we have an issue in getting diesel for buses. We have been buying diesel from retail outlets for the past three months. Retail outlets have told us that they won't be sending in bulk quantities to our depots. They are asking us to visit the bunks and bill the buses. This is not practical as it will add to the traffic woes of the city," said BMTC Director (Information Technology), AV Surya Sen.

He added the issue is in mediation with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) but they have responded saying that supply of diesel from retail outlets to depot bunkers is illegal. "This will force BMTC to go to retail outlets to buy diesel. Apart from the increase in traffic, this will also lead to an increased burden on BMTC. We will have suffer losses and need additional manpower too," he added.

Until now, BMTC was getting diesel through tankers of retail outlets who would supply to the depots. Every two days, based on depot requirements, the depots are topped with diesel. BMTC needs 2.5 lakh litres per day. "We can easily last 4-5 days without any problem. We have spoken to IOCL officials and trying to sort out the problem. In the worst scenario, we won't be take out a few buses," said a senior official.

Recently, there was also a message from an IOCL official asking dealers not to sell diesel to transport utilities at retail prices. Though utilities are bulk buyers, they have agreed to buy diesel at retail prices. Currently, the retail price of diesel is 87.89 rupees per ltr and the bulk price is 117 rupees per litre. With a daily requirement of 2.5 lakh litres of diesel, the move is also expected to hit BMTC hard as BMTC will have to shell out an additional Rs 30 per litre. As of now BMTC runs 5,653 buses of 6,803 buses in its fleet.

BMTC is also working with the traffic police to ensure diesel top-up of buses without hindrances. "We have spoken to BTP JCP Ravikanthe K Gowda and apprised him of the situation. We will also send an official letter to the traffic police seeking their cooperation. We will also deploy BMTC security personnel near bunks if it becomes necessary to visit bunks. We have also planned to fill diesel at late night or early morning. We are trying to ensure BMTC buses won't have to go to bunks," said BMTC Director (Security & Vigilance), Radhika G.

BMTC MD G Sathyavathi said that services won't be hindered. "The issue has been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and will be sorted out. The state government has been informed about the reimbursement policy followed in Chennai," added Sathyavathi.

Finally, they get it? United we stand

After CM's diktat, all civic agencies and utility heads meet to discuss and collaborate

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Several roads in the city are in a state of disrepair as one or the other agency is always at work on them

Guys, there is hope. After repeated coordination goof-ups causing roads to be dug up as soon as they are tarred, now all agencies have decided to join hands. In a first-of-its-sort meeting, the heads of various bodies brainstormed on Monday to find a common ground to solve the city's woes.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary (Home Department) Rajneesh Goel, Additional Chief Secretary (Urban Development) and BBMP administrator Rakesh Singh, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, City police commissioner CH Pratap Reddy, BWSSB Chairman N Jayaram, BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez, BDA Commissioner MB Rajesh Gowda, KSRTC Managing Director V Anbu Kumar, BMTC Managing Director Sathyavathi G, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) BR Ravikanthe Gowda, BESCOM and Bengaluru Smart City Limited's Managing Director P Rajendra Cholan and others.

Nath told Bangalore Mirror they have decided to hold coordination meetings once a week regularly. "This will help us coordinate for various works being taken up by different agencies. For example, during today's meeting, the city police pointed out that there are 54 water logging points on BBMP's major roads. Their report also points to the deterioration of road quality. So, we will start fixing these roads on a priority basis," he said.

Traffic junctions

Nath said that the civic bodies were now working at decongesting high density traffic junctions. "Based on the CM's directions, we have identified 10 traffic junctions like Hebbal, KR Puram, Goraguntepalya and Central Silk Board flyover etc which witness higher volumes of traffic. So, now we have decided to chalk out short and long term measures and take steps for inviting tenders. All of us have decided to personally visit these junctions to take stock of the situation. It is impossible for us to inspect these junctions in the daytime due to heavy traffic and hence, we have decided to do night rounds. This would begin at 11 pm on Tuesday. We also discussed taking up short term measures which can ease traffic congestion by at least 20%," he said.

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Hope for 10 traffic bottlenecks

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday instructed officials to take measures

BM had reported on June 26 about CM's instructions to the officials

The first coordination meeting was held following a recent diktat by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai asking that 10 traffic bottlenecks be cleared and that there be greater coordination among agencies.

Pothole mismatch

According to BBMP estimates, there are 1,100 potholes yet to be filled, but as per the traffic police report; there are 2,000 plus potholes on city roads. Nath said they have requested the city police to submit a report of their survey.

6-month gap

Reacting to the coordination meeting, Suresh Kumar R, a techie, said, "It seems that the BBMP and BWSSB never consult or share data related to works. While one agency lays the road, the other agency takes no time in breaking the road. I always wonder why the asphalt can't be delayed by a week so that the digging work could be completed or why the digging work can't be done ahead of the road asphalt."

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> –Suresh Kumar R, techie

But for some roads, it's too little, too late

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Residents of Rajiv Gandhi Layout have been facing a lot of problems due to indiscriminate digging of roads in the area by one or the other agency. They complain that dug-up roads have become dangerous for motorists to commute at night.

They said that agencies such as Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), and private telecom companies have been digging roads in the area at regular intervals.

"The roads, especially 12th B Main, of Rajiv Gandhi Layout was dug up six months ago. Recently, the road was dug up again," said Sudheendra Kaushik, a resident of Alpine Pyramid. He said the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has not taken measures to ensure the agency that dug up the road, restores it. Shobha BM, a resident, said there are no street lights on this stretch so it is dangerous for motorists to commute at night.

She said that cracks had developed on the stretch of the road adjacent to the dug-up portion. "The cracks indicate that the dug-up portion of the road was not filled up as per the norms. The road may become weak in the coming months, especially whenever it rains heavily," she said. She said Bescom engineers are installing electric poles per their whims and fancies. "Recently, I found Bescom employees installing an electrical transformer on the road," she added.

Cracks have developed alongside the dug up portion of the road

Another resident complained that the BBMP health department doesn't ensure that both sides of the road are free from weeds. "The weeds have become a nuisance for us," the resident said.

BMP Executive Engineer (Byatarayanapura) Mohan Das HT said he would depute his subordinate to the spot. "I will direct him to fill up the dug-up portion," he said.

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CRIME FILES

Stalker auto driver sent to jail

Driver stalks 19-yr-old student, sexually harrasses her for a period of time

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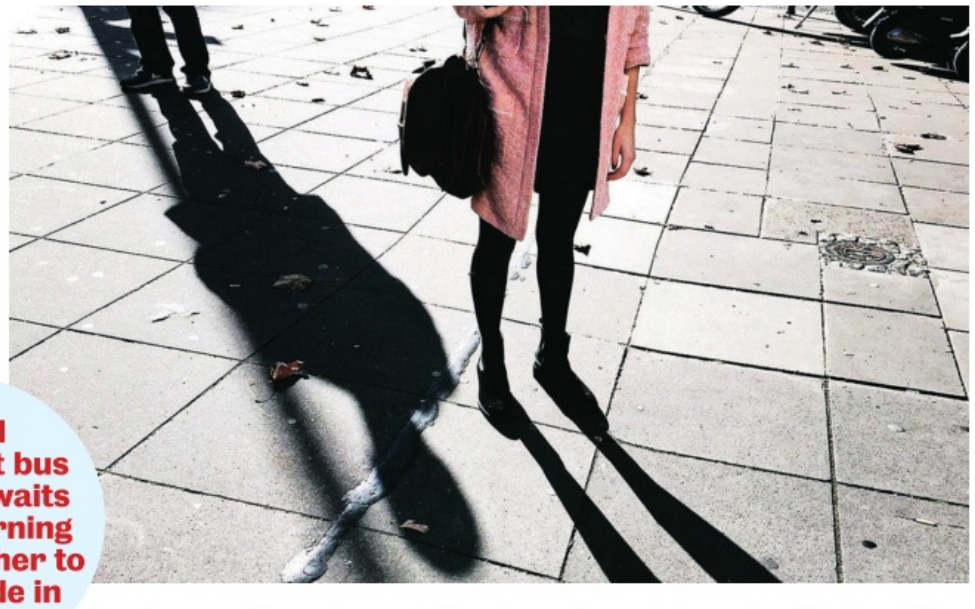

A 19-year-old college student has filed a complaint with the Bommanahalli police that an auto-rickshaw driver had not only been stalking and sexually harassing her over a period of time, but also at one instance, forced her to get into the auto and misbehaved with her, the police said. The Bommanahalli police have arrested the auto-rickshaw driver identified as Manu and sent him to jail.

He would land up at bus stop she waits every morning and force her to take a ride in the auto

In her complaint to the police, Shilpa said that she is a B. Com student at a private college and since her parents are put up far away from her college, she stays with her uncle and aunt who stay close to her college. Shilpa used to wait at a bus stop in front of Jwalamala Godown public Road in Viratanagara for her bus to college when an auto-rickshaw driver used to come often asking to drop her to the college.

She said though she refused, he would hang around and once, he asked her to be his girlfriend. The auto-rickshaw driver identified as Manu, is said to have come there every morning to ask her if he could drop her and she would refuse. On June 15, around 7.30 am, when she was walking on her way to the bus stop, Manu is said to have come in the auto and demanded that she get in. When she refused, Manu forced her inside the auto and is said to have tried to kiss her. He is said to have kept proclaiming his love for her. When the girl refused and retaliated, Manu is said to have got enraged, and torn her clothes and tried to sexually harass her in the auto. The victim, shocked, returned home that day and told her mother who told her not to tell this to anyone fearing social stigma. She also stopped her from going to the college. On June 23, when Shilpa went to her uncle's house for an errand, Manu noticed her and came to harass her. This time, Shilpa mustered courage and warned Manu that she was going to the police if he would not leave her alone. As Manu was not budging, Shilpa, informed her family and approached Bommanahalli police and filed a complaint based on which an FIR was registered against Manu.

"Manu has been booked for sexual harassment - 354 under IPC along with other sections 354-A - sexual harassment, 354-B - any man who assaults or uses criminal force to any woman or abets such act with the intention of disrobing or compelling her to be naked, 354-D - stalking," said a senior police officer.

'Unless for an offence police can't stop vehicle'

Karnataka Director General and Inspector General of Police Praveen Sood directed the traffic police in Bengaluru on Monday not to stop vehicle riders and drivers unless there is a traffic offence. The move has been appreciated by the vehicle riders who complained of harassment by traffic police on the pretext of document verification.

Srivatsava Vajapeyam, a resident of Bengaluru, had written to Praveen Sood that when he was ACP traffic, he had banned stopping vehicles for checking documents. "You could be stopped only for an offence.

Praveen Sood directs traffic police not to hold up motorists unless in the case of an offence

"Now with Praveen Sood as DGP, stopping vehicles is a daily phenomenon," Srivatsava had written on June 26.

Replying to this, Praveen Sood stated on Monday that "Yes I stand by it and reiterate again. No vehicle shall be stopped only for checking documents unless it has committed a traffic violation visible to the naked eye. Only exception is drunken driving. Have instructed the Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City and Joint Commissioner of Traffic for implementation immediately."

The tweet by Praveen Sood has come following a meeting on traffic management in Bengaluru city which is becoming a challenge chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goyal.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his recent visit to Bengaluru spoke about easing the traffic flow and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has also underlined that his government would strive to resolve the traffic woes in Bengaluru.

Bengaluru crossed the 10 million mark in January, 2021 in the number of vehicles. 6.4 million are two wheelers, 2.3 million are private cars. The city added 6,00,000 vehicles every year since 2018. In 2020-21, 1.1 million vehicles were added despite the Covid pandemic, according to official statistics.—IANS

Property tax swindle? Cheating case against BBMP officials

BBMP revenue inspector, a revenue collector and two data entry operators from the Palike are in the dock after a businessman filed a complaint with the Banashankari police that he has been cheated of Rs 2.5 lakh in the name of property tax. Dinesh Kumar Jain said he had incurred the tax between 2008 and 2018, which his father had not informed him about, so he had to pay it along with a penalty.

The Banashankari police have registered a case of cheating, forgery, criminal breach of trust, along with other sections under the IPC against one Ramaiah, Revenue Inspector, BBMP; Srinivasa, Revenue Collector, BBMP; Manju and Pradeep, data entry operators at the BBMP office, Yediyur.

Jain, in his complaint, stated that his elderly father had not updated him on details about his property in Jayanagar. When Jain checked, he found out that his father had not paid property tax since 2008 to 2018. He approached the Yediyur BBMP officials, who told him that they could solve the problem. Ramaiah, the revenue inspector is said to have told Jain that the total fine amount including tax would come up to Rs 3.5 lakh, but if he paid Rs 2.5 lakh in cash to them, they would find a way to sort the issue.

Officials take ₹2.5 lakh as penalty and tax dues for 10 yrs and issue fake receipts to bizman

Jain said he paid Rs 2.5 lakh and also obtained receipts for the property tax for the 10 years. In 2019, when Jain tried to pay tax online, the system would not accept his payment. He went with a query to the BBMP headquarters and learnt that the receipts he had from 2008 to 2018 were all fake and that was why his tax payment was not getting accepted.

Jain tried to approach the same officials to rectify the issue, but the officials had been transferred. He then filed a complaint with the Banashankari police. He told the police he had paid Rs 2.5 lakh not as a bribe, but police officials said as they had settled on Rs 2.5 lakh after negotiation and the officials had issued fake receipts, so legal action will start. —Bellie Thomas

Too low to be true, due to a glitch

The covid-19 bulletin for Bengaluru for the last two days appears too good to be true. As per the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) health department, while only 236 cases were reported in the city on Saturday, this number fell to 133 on Sunday. But, the tally for Friday (June 23) was 776.

According to BBMP officials, this is due to a technical glitch in the data compilation process for the last two days. "We are experiencing a technical issue with the data flow. This is the reason for fewer cases being registered," said a BBMP official.

Officials say the issue is with the ICMR covid-19 portal and the case flow issue is not just in Karnataka. Before the issue began on Saturday, on average, around 600 cases were being recorded weekly.

"The numbers cannot be correct as they are very low. The problem is at the ICMR level. We collect data from the state war room and use that information for the city report. The cases in the city from BBMP is the information that has reached us from the State War Room. We have flagged the issue to the officials, and they are coordinating with ICMR," said the official. Although the total number of positive cases on Monday was 592, the officials said this has not been rectified yet. "The issue was supposed to be rectified by Sunday. Some action was taken and cases started flowing in on Monday morning, but it has gone back to the same level again," said Dr. AS Balasundar, chief health officer, Health Department, BBMP.

ICMR covid portal facing tech issues so tally is not accurate

—Garima Prasher

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Real estate sector bounces back

Business owners say the market has been better than in 2019 and expect it to be better

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As covid-19 cases dip and the city gets backs to normalcy, the real estate sector too is getting back to its feet. Many people are coming forward to buy houses, while even labour shortage no longer persists.

Following the covid-19 pandemic, with the frequent lockdowns and night curfew, the real estate sector was hit hard. However, now there is a demand for residential homes. While even the prices of houses have gone up and have started to show intensive growth.

Bengaluru in its first quarter has seen an increase in price range as per new supply and inventory. The price range of Rs per sq foot as of March 2022 was Rs 5,600-5,800.

Bhaskar T Nagendrappa, president, of CREDAI, said, "After the reduction in covid-19 cases, the real estate sector has now been doing great. It has been positive and encouraging. The situation in Ukraine created problems with input costs be it on the export of raw materials on steel and other import items. After covid 19, the predominant and major buyers are IT.

As the majority of the people were working from home, their expenditure had reduced and savings went high. While those who aspired to buy small houses started to buy larger homes. Bengaluru has been doing great and is leading in the real estate sector. This apart, as there was a labour shortage during the pandemic, now they are back in action."

"The real estate sector in the country has staged an impressive comeback post the outbreak of covid-19. The residential sector is now witnessing higher sales in markets when compared to 2019

Murali M CMD, of Shriram Properties, pointed out that they expect the real estate to grow higher in the coming days.

"There has been a significant shift in buyer profiles with millennials now showing a renewed interest in buying property. We expect the sector to grow even further driven by the increase in hiring across IT/ITES, particularly in southern cities.

A few initiatives such as the reintroduction of the input tax credit will make housing prices more competitive as builders can then pass on the benefit to property buyers."

Making an impressive comeback

Pavitra Shankar, Executive Director and Head of Residential Business, Brigade Enterprises Ltd said, "The real estate sector in the country has staged an impressive comeback post the outbreak of covid-19. Several large developers, including Brigade, have reported their best performance in the quarters preceding the worst of the pandemic. The residential sector is now witnessing higher sales in certain markets when compared to 2019."

The renewed demand is primarily driven by a desire to own vs rent, and higher disposable income along with historically lower interest rates, he informed.

"One of the key trends that have emerged is customers' preference for integrated mixed-use developments and larger units. There is high demand for homes priced between Rs. 50 Lakhs to 1 Crore, especially from larger players who have shown high growth and ability to execute on time, leading to further consolidation in the market," added Shankar.

Many developers have also been said to have gotten approvals for projects that had been postponed due to the pandemic in the last two years.

Few female takers for engg diplomas

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want a better gender ratio and representation at their firm," Asha N told BM.

Despite the aforementioned, the inflow of female candidates taking up polytechnic courses and vying for placements have been lower.

Jahnavi, a diploma student from the electronics branch said out of a batch of 90, there are only 14 female students. "Out of these, most of the girls will be further taking admission into degree courses through the lateral program and will not be vying for placements next year."

Suresh K, principal of Kammavari Sangha Polytechnic, said though the ratio has slightly improved from previous years, the number of girls taking admission is still nowhere near equal. "Last year, there was only one female student in the electronics and communication course out of a batch of 40 students. This year the ratio is slightly better in some courses except automobile and mechanical streams which have always been male-dominant. I am not able to crack what the reason behind this is. During placements, the companies do not have any bias regarding the gender of candidates. It is just the candidates' personal bias."

Even the total inflow of students taking admissions in diploma courses has been lower for the past few years. "Last year, the government promoted all the II PU students without examinations. So there was a lesser number of students opting for diploma courses. Many students who take up diploma courses do so as they are not eligible for the degree course. So they take up diploma courses and directly transfer to the second year of degree later. However, the post-pandemic scenario has changed that for diploma institutes," said Asha N.

Dark matters in Coles Park

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difficult for us to manage or discipline people who visit this park. They use the choicest words when we request them to go home. Many of them want to remain in the park even after closing time. There is an exclusive area for women but we found many youths along with girls trespassing into this restricted area of the park," said BBMP horticulture inspector Venkatesh.

He said, BBMP horticulture department has taken measures to engage security guards at Coles Park. People responsible for cleaning Coles Park are hesitant to advise the visitors to go home after closing hours or not enter park during closing hours.

"I have come across many people who will remain in the park after closing hours. One of them used filthy language and also tried to manhandle me. My mistake was reminding him about the closing time," said one of the workers.

Meanwhile, residents of nearby areas want the BBMP horticulture department to maintain Coles Park properly and take measures to prevent miscreants misusing the park premises.

"I want the BBMP horticulture department to have more security guards posted at the park to keep a vigil on miscreants. Many youths misuse the park premises for illegal activities. I want to suggest to the BBMP to increase the height of electric poles and put up steel mesh around the LED bulbs to prevent miscreants damaging or stealing LED bulbs," said Naveed Ahmed, a resident of Haines Road.

Expressing shock over the missing lights in the park, Rachana Reddy, a resident of Prestige Déjà vu, said the horticulture department has to intensify measures to maintain Coles Park. "I am sad to know about the missing lights and damaged junction boxes at Coles Park," said Reddy.

Habiba Subhan, a social activist, said that she was sad to see irresponsible residents who visited Coles Park have broken and stolen lights inside the facility. "I am of the opinion that the BBMP horticulture department has to increase the number of security guards in Coles Park to check this uncivilised act. I want the authorities to take stern action against those who damaged the lights," said Habiba Subhan.

Meanwhile, BBMP horticulture superintendent Sudheendra Kumar said the horticulture inspector of Coles Park has lodged a complaint at the Bharathinagar police station on missing lights in the park. "The complaint was lodged two months ago. We are taking measures to prevent such incidents in future," said Kumar.

CM confident of GST row resolution

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday expressed confidence that the issue of GST (goods and services tax) compensation payout to States would be resolved at the 47th meeting of the GST Council beginning in Chandigarh on Tuesday.

"We had a detailed discussion on this (GST compensation) earlier. The final decision has to taken in the GST Council alone. I am confident that it will happen," Bommai, who is slated to leave for Chandigarh later today, told reporters.

The Council is likely to make changes in GST rates on a handful of items and may go with the recommendation of the officers' panel to maintain status quo in rates of over 215 items.

Headed by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprising representatives of all States, the Council is meeting after six months.

Apart from rate rationalisation, it is expected to see a stormy discussion around compensation payout with Opposition-ruled States aggressively pushing for its continuation beyond the 5-year period which ends in June. **PTI**

The traffic shall not pass...

Bengalureans moving towards Marathahalli, Varthur stuck in endless jams; citizens say Kundalahalli underpass zone also becoming accident-prone

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Standstill: A newly opened Kundalahalli underpass seen chock-a-block with snakelike queues of cars

For many Bengalureans, it was the result of a long, long wait. After around two years of missed deadlines -- and promises -- the now open Kundalahalli underpass is easing traffic woes. However, a new problem has now come up. People travelling towards Marathahalli and Varthur say they are facing traffic and many have approached the traffic police to help ease jams at the underpass. At times, the traffic goes up to a kilometre, they say.

Ajit Lakshmiratan, a retired RBI officer who has been closely following up on the progress of the underpass said, "As it is a part of the signal-free corridor, many vehicles go through the junction and the underpass has eased the traffic flow. However, a congestion starts to form after a kilometre especially due to large vehicles. For those heading towards Marathahalli, there has been work going on near the Marathahalli bridge, due to which, there is a barricade on one side of the junction -- causing traffic. Hence many residents have decided to keep a check on the movement from the morning till evening to check the peak time of traffic and the steps that need to be taken."

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The nightmare has passed

BM has been closely tracking the underpass's development

A regular commuter, Meenakshi S said that while the underpass has eased traffic a lot, and there is free movement of vehicle, like it usually happens in in such cases, the bottleneck has shifted to the next intersection. Similarly, a congestion at the Marathahalli bridge which has been piling up. "There is need to plan the traffic movement well. Unplanned entry and exits will only lead to worsening the situation."

> **"Unplanned entry and exit points will only worsen the situation**
> –Meenakshi S, a regular commuter

The residents also pointed on the need to install automatic traffic signal at the junction. The automatic signal will help the traffic flow on time and reduce the traffic junction. They have also asked to add a zebra crossing for the pedestrians, added Lakshmirathan.

Meanwhile, with the residents taking an active role in the work, the service road had been widened. With the earlier-narrow service road, the movement of vehicles was becoming slower. Apart from this, even the footpath was widened. But with the large traffic congestion on the stretch after the underpass, many of the two-wheeler riders are using the footpath.

Citizens stated the underpass was also becoming an accident-prone zone for pedestrians as there were no police, no speed-breakers, no zebra crossings. The area is also surrounded by hospitals, schools and apartments; and one cannot cross the road easily with the heavy flow of vehicles.

Lakshmirathan said, "We have asked the traffic police to be present and penalise those using the footpath to ride -- especially the food delivery partners who are seen going on full speed. We have planned to approach them and report the issue."

Teacher in dock for quizzing Khuba

A Karnataka school teacher has been suspended by the Education Department on Sunday for allegedly questioning the Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Bhagwanth Khuba about the supply of fertilisers.

The action was taken against the teacher Kushal Patil of Hedapura village in Bidar district, after the audio clip went viral on social media.

Khuba received a call from Kushal Patil, who questioned the lack of availability of fertilisers, to which, the minister is heard saying he cannot do anything about it.

The conversation heats up as Patil dares the minister to seek votes from his village and says that the politician will not get elected again from the Bidar Lok Sabha constituency.

After the clip went viral, an inquiry was initiated and a preliminary report was submitted by the local Block Education Officer.

Based on this, the teacher was suspended. **ANI**

Antibiotic shot makes kids ill

The condition of 14 children, who were hospitalised after suffering from a cold and fever, worsened following the administration of antibiotic injections in the town of Sagar in Karnataka's Shivamogga district.

Among the hospitalised children, the condition of four became serious and were shifted to the district hospital in Shivamogga on Monday.

According to the health authorities, the children were given antibiotic injections on Sunday night. Immediately after that, they developed severe fever and shivering spells.

Local BJP MLA Haratalu Halappa instructed health authorities to look into the issue and administer proper treatment to children.

"It is assumed to be an allergy as of now. As far as the drug is concerned, we will verify who and from where was it supplied," MLA Halappa stated. **IANS**

Textbook case of correction continues

Textbooks may soon be back in the hands of children studying in state board schools, but there seems to be no end to the many controversies surrounding them.

The Education Department on Monday issued a list of corrigenda for the textbooks which were recently revised. According to the order, schools should avoid or correct itself on various topics from different textbooks while teaching. This comes after many hit out at the government for the revisions made.

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While former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda wrote to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to drop the revised syllabus, religious seers of three prominent castes in the state -- Lingayat, Vokkaliga and Kuruba -- objected to the revised education syllabus highlighting the ill-treatment meted out to social reformers Basavanna and Kanakadasa.

Vokkaliga seers have objected to belittling of Rashtrakavi (national poet) Kuvempu, who is hailed with pride by the community, and the architect of Bengaluru, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda. Progressive thinkers too, raised objections to the dropping of lessons on social reformer Narayan Guru and freedom fighter Bhagat Singh. The authors have written to the state government withdrawing their permission to publish their work.

Educationists questioned the move stating, "Textbooks are revised to correct mistakes. This is probably the first time that a separate list was issued to correct the mistakes in the revised textbooks. This is sure to cause a lot of confusion among students, parents and teachers. Now, it is not enough to study just the textbooks but also memorise the list to make the necessary amendments."

Despite criticism, Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh clarified that there was no need for a fresh set of textbooks to be printed. He said that his department had ordered printing only a few sheets to replace the objectionable content raised by experts. "We have already taken the decision to supply the revised textbooks to schools. We have received a few objections which will be taken into consideration."

> **"This is perhaps the first time a separate list was issued for corrections**
> –an educationist

Meanwhile, government officials claimed that the textbooks were now being sent to schools as most of the schools were using uploaded versions of the textbooks.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "While some of the contents have been revised, some others have been retained. We have also sent responses to questions raised by Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda related to the controversy."

(BMB with inputs from IANS)

Plea to defer single-use plastic ban

Industry body urges govt to ban polluting material in a phased manner instead of imposing it from July 1

Thermoformers and Allied Industries Association (TAIA) on Monday urged the government not to impose a blanket ban on single-use plastics from July 1 and instead do it in a phased manner.

Plastic plates, cups, glasses and trays are made from single-use plastics and the imposition of a ban will stop the manufacturing of these products and kill the Rs 10,000-crore size industry that employs 2 lakh people directly and 4.5 lakh people indirectly, it said.

Speaking to PTI, TAIA Secretary Bhavesh Bhojani said, "The products that we manufacture are 100 per cent recyclable but are put under the blanket ban. The relaxation has been given to manufacturers of carrying bags, bottles and multi-layered plastics (MLP) but not to us."

Plastic carry bags and bottle makers have been given different specifications for phasing out the manufacturing of these products. For instance, manufacturers are allowed to produce 75 microns plastic carry bags till December 2022 and after that they have to shift to 120 microns and above, he said.

Plastic carry bag and bottle makers have been given specifications to phase out manufacturing

"When other plastic manufacturers are given relaxation, why not to those who make products from single-use plastics? The industry will collapse and many will lose jobs if the ban comes into force from July 1," he said.

The TAIA Secretary appealed to the government to allow single-use plastic product makers to use above 200 microns or 4 grams plastics for up to two years and by then the industry will find an economically viable alternative material.

The government has suggested using biodegradable plastics instead of single-use plastics. But the biodegradable plastic is expensive and largely imported, he said, adding that using such an expensive material is unviable for manufacturers and becomes expensive for end-users.

> **When other plastic manufacturers are given relaxation, why not to those who use single-use plastics? The industry will collapse and many will lose jobs**
>
> – Bhavesh Bhojani, TAIA Secretary

The blanket ban will affect the packaging of food, beverages and agricultural produce, he added.

There are 850 manufacturers engaged in making single-use plastic products in the country.

Single-use plastics have been banned by state governments including Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and partially in Himachal Pradesh. **–PTI**

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Straight out of a fairytale

Bengalureans give their hair sparkly twist by hopping on to latest Insta trend

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Social media is a hub of buzzing activities and trends. The latest one is the 'fairy hair'. Many salons in the city are getting customers eager to get their fairy hair done and hop on the trend.

Fairy hair is similar to a trend popular in the 90s. Also known as the 'hair tinsel', in this trend people tie glitter strands just as extensions to add a little charm to their hair.

Initially popular in the US, Bengalureans too have taken notice of it and are eager to try it out.

Swati Gupta, Director & Head of Creative Development, Bodycraft Salon, Spa and Skin Clinic has seen many young customers coming in asking to get the fairy hair pointed out that it creates the illusion of sparkly or metallic highlights. "We have been getting a fair number of enquiries, but I think we're about a month away from the trend to fully reach the country. It is becoming popular for the same reason most hair trends do- it's fun! They are also temporary and really low maintenance," Gupta said.

Depending on the length of the hair and the number of tinsel stands one wants, the fairy hair would cost between Rs100-1000. "Since tinsel is actually a lot less weight than actual hair extensions as well, it's very easy to maintain," Gupta added.

People from across age groups are trying the trend out.

Golbert Moreiro, Proprietor, Kyrah Salon stated that they have seen even five-year-olds coming in asking to get fairy hair done. "There is no age limit, we even have 5-year-old kids coming in with their moms and wanting shiny tinsel hair, especially for birthday parties. Older women too are loving this new trend and are opting for a few strands to give their hair that oomph factor. 'Fairy hair' gets its name because of its iridescent/holographic finish and radiant sparkling colours," said Moreiro.

Esther Mendonza, Hair Technician and partner, Kyrah Salon who tried out the fairy hairstyle said, "I recently saw the most trending hair service of the early 90s back in vogue- Fairy Hair. I was so excited and had to get it done again like I did when I was younger, so I went to my salon as this service does not damage the hair, the hair can also be washed and blow-dried without any hassles and looks great. My hair looks so amazing with all the bling thin coloured silk strands which look so trendy and magical!" She recommends it to everyone.

These shiny strands are just attached to the hair near the root and give it a little shine and shimmer. They shed as and when the natural hair grows and causes little to no damage. But it does require straightening or some amount of styling to make it pop.

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Intermittent fasting may help heal nerve damage: Study

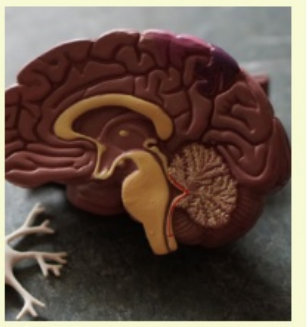
Intermittent fasting helps change the activity of gut bacteria and increase their ability to recover from nerve damage, according to a study conducted in mice.

Researchers from the Imperial College London observed how fasting led to the gut bacteria increasing production of a metabolite known as 3-Indolepropionic acid (IPA), which is required for regenerating nerve fibres called axons -- thread-like structures at the ends of nerve cells that send out electro-chemical signals to other cells in the body.

This novel mechanism was discovered in mice and is hoped to also hold true for any future human trials. The team states that the bacteria that produces IPA - named Clostridium sporogenesis -- is found naturally in the guts of humans as well as mice; and IPA is present in human's bloodstreams too.

"There is currently no treatment for people with nerve damage beyond surgical reconstruction, which is only effective in a small percentage of cases, prompting us to investigate whether changes in lifestyle could aid recovery," said Professor Simone Di Giovanni from Imperial's Department of Brain Sciences.

"Intermittent fasting has previously been linked by other studies to wound repair and the growth of new neurons - but our study is the first to explain exactly



how fasting might help heal nerves,"Di Giovanni added.

The study, published in the journal Nature, assessed nerve regeneration of mice where the sciatic nerve -- the longest nerve running from the spine down the leg -- was crushed. Half of the mice underwent intermittent fasting (by eating as much as they liked followed by not eating at all on alternate days), while the other half were free to eat with no restrictions at all.

These diets continued for a period of 10 days or 30 days before their operation, and the mice's recovery was monitored 24 to 72 hours after the nerve was severed.

The length of the regrown axons was measured and was about 50 per cent greater in mice that had been fasting.

Importantly, when IPA was administered to the mice orally after a sciatic nerve injury, regeneration and increased recovery was observed between two and three weeks after injury.

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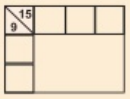
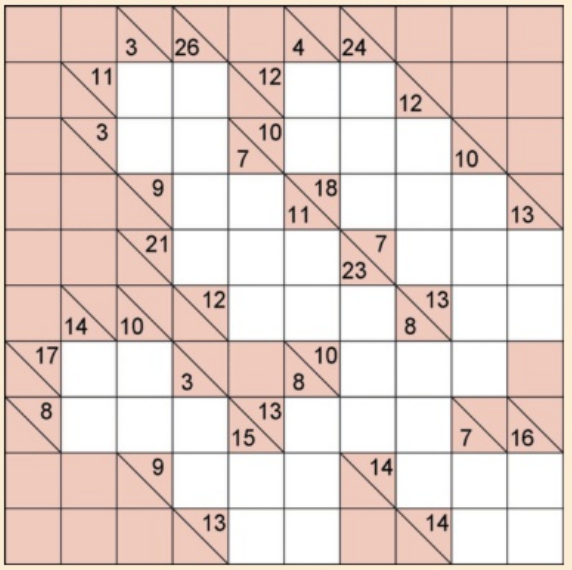
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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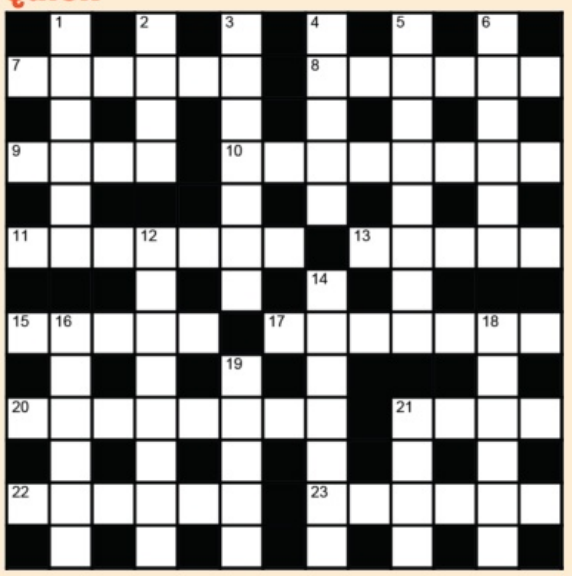


ACROSS

7 Leading commodity (6)
8 Altitude (6)
9 Exaggerated publicity (4)
10 Slingshot (8)
11 Perfidy (7)
13 One imprisoned until death (5)
15 Employing (5)
17 Double-cross (7)
20 Inclined to brag (8)
21 Enjoy sunlight (4)
22 Playback singer ___ Krishnamoorthy (6)
23 Unidirectional (3,3)

DOWN

1 Person or animal with great endurance? (6)
2 Church section (4)
3 Nuclear device (7)
4 Closes or slams (5)
5 Locate precisely or with great accuracy? (8)
6 Defer consideration of (6)
12 Skeptic or doubter (8)
14 City in Madhya Pradesh (7)
16 Catchword or motto (6)
18 Unlucky accident (6)
19 Entrails, etc (5)
21 India's ___ capital: Bangalore for sure (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS P

AJIK HMJHOM IHMBT AJUM KYAM FBT MBMUCE CJYBC FUJSBT HUJROMAI KLFB YB KUEYBC KJ IJOXM KLMA.

Linemaro

Just so you know, I'm currently talking to the most beautiful girl in the room

Mindchow

Every true genius is bound to be naive

Joke of the day

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand

Loop

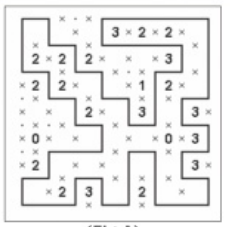
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

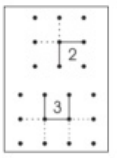
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

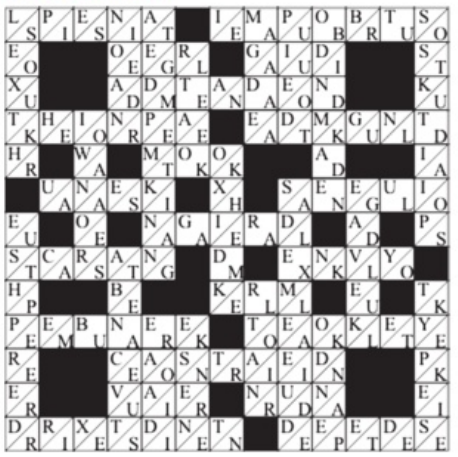


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

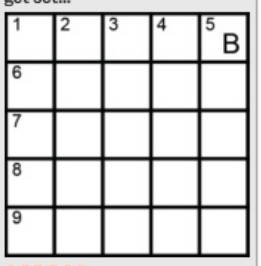
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 I bash; 6 Or ken; 7 Uglis; 8 I fell; 9 Aloft

DOWN

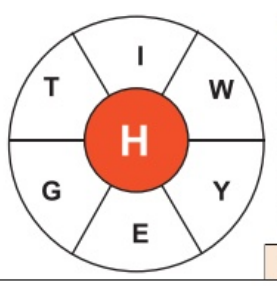
1 Iff Sk; 2 A girl; 3 Oh LOL; 4 Ulna I; 5 Beets

Mensapuzzle

What is X?

25 22 15 X 10 19 24

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	1	2	5		8	6	7	
	3						8	
6								1
8		3		4		1		9
			9		6			
1		4		3		7		2
9								8
	2						9	
	8	1	2		9	3	4	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 26
2 3 4 4

Medium = 22
2 6 6 8

Hard = 3
2 6 8 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

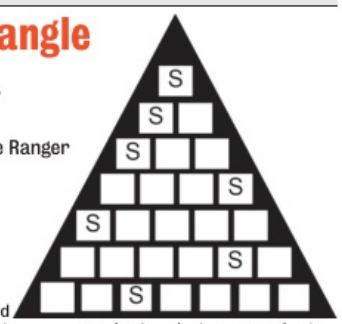
Differences: 1. Can is larger. 2. Brush has no paint on it. 3. Rail is lower. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Sleeve is different. 6. Ear is larger.

Riddler

Use the missing words or word fragments in the film titles below to make a festive phrase. The ____maker ___ Golden Pond Battlefield _____ Thelma ___ Louise _____ Hunting The Road ___ Perdition The Sum of ____ Fears _____ in Black

Alpha triangle

1 Curved letter
2 South East, abbr.
3 Matched pieces
4 Golf pegs
5 Silver to the Lone Ranger
6 First born
7 Snuggled



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

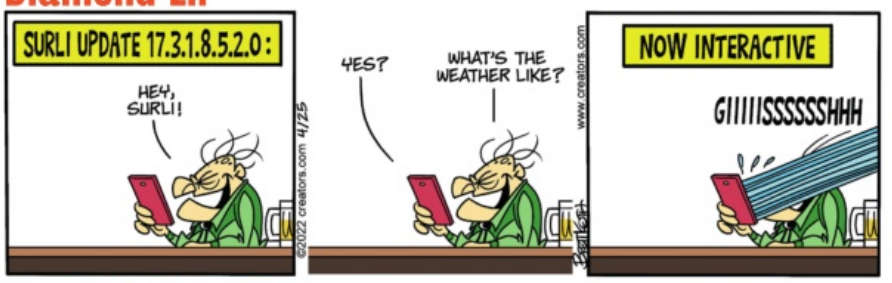
COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

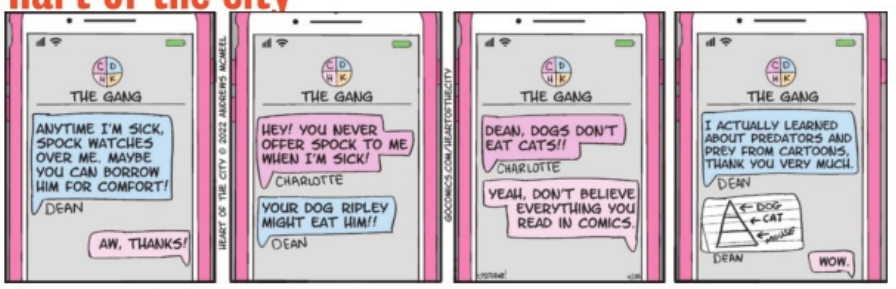
YOU MODERN WOMEN ARE SPOILED WITH ALL YOUR FANCY GADGETS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MINNIE?
WHEN I WAS A GIRL, WE HAD TO BEAT THE WASH WITH A STICK!
4-14

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil



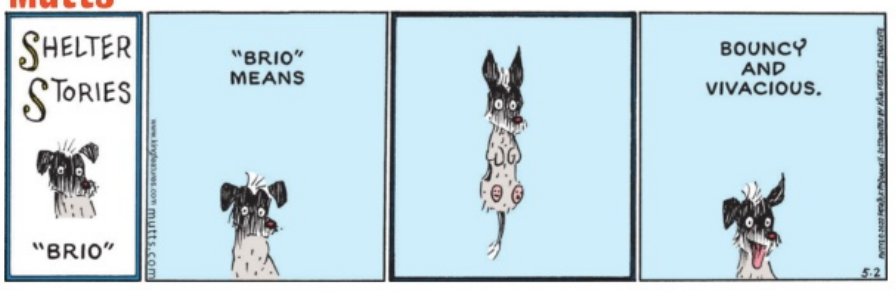
Hart of the city


THE GANG
ANYTIME I'M SICK, SPOCK WATCHES OVER ME. MAYBE YOU CAN BORROW HIM FOR COMFORT!
DEAN
AW, THANKS!
HEY! YOU NEVER OFFER SPOCK TO ME WHEN I'M SICK!
CHARLOTTE
YOUR DOG RIPLEY MIGHT EAT HIM!!
DEAN
DEAN, DOGS DON'T EAT CATS!!
CHARLOTTE
YEAH, DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ IN COMICS.
I ACTUALLY LEARNED ABOUT PREDATORS AND PREY FROM CARTOONS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
DEAN
DOG
CAT
MOUSE
WOW.

Crankshaft

WHAT ON EARTH POSSESSED YOU TO GROW PLANTS IN THE ATTIC!?
I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER YOU SAYING THAT AS LONG AS I KEPT THE MESS OUT OF THE LIVING AREA...
SPEEDY TRIM
SPEEDY GROW
4-21
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may have to make use of your creativity in the office or at home. This may enhance your social status. You may be able to get a grip on expenditure, which may increase your savings. Love birds are likely to get some support from their family members for marriage. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel dull, and sick. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone, your important investments in the business or real estate. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long-distance travelling also. Try meditating it will help you get some sound sleep.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today blessings from elders will make you happy, your investments may give you profits. Loses will convert to profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in your kid's future also. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose may be resolved now.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may enjoy yourself at work, a promotion is quite likely. You are likely to help some person who is in need. Overworking your mind may make you tired. You may miss a family event because of work. Your parent's health may recover.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today projects that were not working out will work out. You may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit a religious place to maintain your internal strength. Your elders may show you the right path to achieve your goals.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel dull, you may also face health issues. it is advised to keep your mind cool. Read documents carefully before signing. You may face difficulty to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going on an adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be relaxed after a messy situation. Your inner strength may help you to implement some difficult decisions in a family-owned parental business. You may help someone in need which may increase your social respect. students might be clear in choosing their career options.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy at home. You may buy some artefacts or crea- tive stuff to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may also invest in properties and other fixed assets. You are likely to enjoy your romantic moments with your spouse. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may feel happy. Old health issues related to elders may be cured. Money which was stuck may be recovered now, which may increase the liquidity in the business. People who are working may change their job seeking a promotion. Job seekers may get jobs with the help of any friend's reference. Natives who are in working in state-related work are likely to get benefits.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may prefer gaining knowledge, you may understand the value of the intellectual assets. Sometimes you may control your short-temperedness, which may help you to perform your task smoothly. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are also advised to avoid speculation in the work. You are likely to spend money on loved ones.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel dull. You may not be able to sustain yourself in the current situation. You may make silly mistakes, which may affect your confidence level. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your day-to-day work. Your projects are likely to be delayed, it may affect your professional life. Before taking any important decision, you are advised to take advice from your elders.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be energetic, and you may be more focused. Your subordinates may help you to start a new project, which may give you profit shortly. You may expect some short trips because of a family issue. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of jobs.

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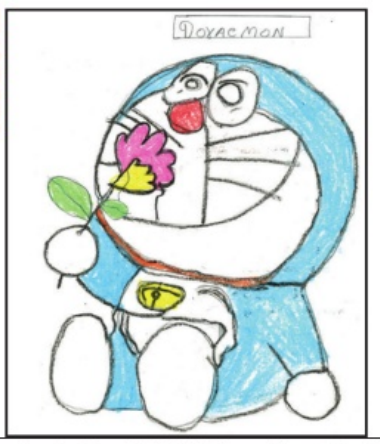

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M [(10−5)/5]^5 = 1^5 = 1

RIDDLER The PEACEmaker, ON Golden Pond, Battlefield EARTH, Thelma AND Louise, GOOD WILL Hunting, The Road TO Perdition, The Sum of ALL Fears, MEN In Black; Peace On Earth And Good Will To All Men.

QUOTE UNCODE Most people spend more time and energy going around problems than in trying to solve them.

BULL'S EYE

S	A	H	I	B
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FAST FIVE
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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
4. The first term is followed by the second term; the second term is followed by the penultimate term, and the third term follows the same procedure. Thus the series becomes: 25 24 22 19 15 10 4(x) – Ie: decreasing by one more each time: -1 -2 -3 -4 -5 -6(x)

SUDOKU

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1	9	4	8	3	5	7	6	2
3	2	7	1	8	4	5	9	6
9	4	6	3	5	7	2	1	8
5	8	1	2	6	9	3	4	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
4 + 4 x 3 + 2 = 26
6 + 6 + 2 + 8 = 22
8 – 6 / 2 x 3 = 3

GO FIGURE
Easy
Medium
Hard

LOOP

KAKURO

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Brunch for the birthday boy
As Arjun Kapoor turned a year older on Sunday, Malaika Arora has given a sneak peek into how they celebrated. The couple, who is currently in Paris, had a quiet, romantic brunch

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'Conman' case: Jacky quizzed

Actor appeared before ED for a fresh round of questioning and recording statement

Actor Jacqueline Fernandez on Monday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for a fresh round of questioning and recording her statement in a money laundering case linked to alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar and others, officials said.

The agency had in April provisionally attached Rs 7.27 crore funds of the Bollywood actor under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The 36-year-old actor has been questioned two-three times by the agency in the said case earlier.

The actor was issued fresh summons for recording of her statement on Monday as the agency is tracing the remaining proceeds of crime in this case, officials said.

A provisional order was issued against her for attaching fixed deposits worth Rs 7.12 crore apart from Rs 15 lakh cash as the agency called these funds as "proceeds of crime". "Sukesh Chandrasekhar had given various gifts worth Rs 5.71 crore to Jacqueline Fernandez from the proceeds of crime generated by criminal activities including extortion." "Chandrasekhar had put Pinky Irani, his long time associate and co-accused in this case to deliver the said gifts to her," the ED had then said in a statement.

The ED has arrested a total of eight people in this case till now including Chandrshekhar, his wife Leena Maria Paul, Irani and others and has also field two charge sheets before a Delhi court.

PTI

Prince William 'perfect' Bond

Producer Barbara Broccoli has quipped that Duke of Cambridge, Prince William is the "perfect candidate" to become the next James Bond.

Broccoli and her sibling Michael Wilson were honored with CBEs from the Duke at the Buckingham Palace this week, reports aceshowbiz.com.

When asked who she'd like to see replace Daniel Craig in the iconic spy role, she said the Duke of Cambridge "ticks all the boxes".

According to The Mirror, she said" "Unfortunately, the person we just met isn't available. He's occupied, unfortunately, but he would be the perfect candidate.

"(He) ticks all the boxes. But he's not available, sadly. So we're still on the hunt." It was recently claimed that Idris Elba is back in the running to play Bond.

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Kriti's not saree for raising the bar

Bollywood actor Kriti Sanon never fails to catch the eyeballs with her amazing looks and this time 'Mimi' actor, on Monday, shared a string of posts in a contemporary embellished golden saree, looking flawless in the royal-themed pictures.

Sharing the pictures, the actor captioned, "Gold and Glitter" followed by sparkling emojis.

The 'Luka Chupi' actor donned a golden deep neckline shimmery saree designed by one of the most celebrated celebrity designer duo Falguni Peacock and Shane Peacock.

Looking like a diva, the actor struck an elegant pose, as she can be seen looking downward in a royal-themed background with Persian carpets.

Kriti, opted for a nude makeup look, for her royal traditional look.

ANI

RAlia baby on board!

The actress on Monday shared the happy news of her pregnancy on social media. Sharing a photo from their ultrasound appointment, Alia captioned the photo saying "Our baby ….. coming soon."

The actress also shared a picture of a lioness nudging a lion and a cub looking on. The couple have shared their love for nature and have been heading out on romantic safaris in Africa. The couple began their New Year 2022 on a safari and shared some goofy clicks from their time in the great outdoors.

The news of Alia's pregnancy comes just over two months after the couple tied the knot in a hush-hush ceremony at their Bandra home. Ranbir and Alia wed in a private ceremony on April 14, surrounded by their family and closest friends.

While the news has come as a surprise to many, it now seems that Ranbir hinted at a baby on its way during his recent 'Shamshera' promotions. When quizzed about how much more work he will do post-marriage, he said that he has to make a family and will also have the chance to do lots of work.

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